

## ABSTRACT

**[00269]** The present invention is directed to providing a prognosis of disease – free survival for a cancer patient. The invention further relates to methods of prognosticating recurrence or metastasis by determining a level of an MTA1 polypeptide in the patient. Yet further, the methods allow for prognosticating and/or predicting micrometastasis in a patient and offer the improvement in the efficacy of clinical treatment of the patient.